department," said he, "to inspect or supervise the installation of machinery or any other features in a building that has once been constructed according to approved plans. We have authority over structural changes and over all new buildings, but that is all. A building might be erected as a loft structure and then subsequently used as a factory and our hands are absolutely tied as far as pre-

subsequently used as a factory and our hands are absolutely tied as far as preventing it is concerned."

He said that some sort of authoritative supervision over changes in buildings should be established. He said that there is always danger of violations of the law between regular inspection trips but that regular inspection is better than none. Mr. Miller said he did not know the substitute of the subst none. Mr. Miller said he did not know how long since the elevators had been The records would show, An elevator inspector would not need to report violations in buildings other than in elevators.

He said that in his opinion the great loss of life resulted from the panic of the workers and the longitudinally arranged batteries of machines, which could have been obviated by examination by some proper authority. To the best of his belief the doors on the Washington place side of the eighth floor were locked, he When the Asch Building was erected in 1900 he said that the stairways and fire escapes were far in advance of their time, but would not be approved to-day. The wooden partitions on the ninth floor on the Greene street side, even ninth floor on the Greene street side, even if they had reached to the ceiling, were not unlawful in Mr. Miller's opinion, as only permanent partitions need be fire-

only permanent partitions need be fireproof.

When he left the Fire Marshal's office
Supt, Miller said that politicians of both
parties have often come and asked him
to overlook certain small matters as to
elevators, but that their requests had
never been heeded. At his office yesterday afternoon he said that all he had
seen of Commissioner Fosdick's report
of graft among building inspectors was
what he had read in the newspapers.

"All this information that Commissioner
Fosdick gives," said Mr. Miller, "is matter
that I have brought to his attention
through President McAneny. I have
never met Mr. Fosdick."

Statistics compiled by representatives
of the District Attorney's office showed
yesterday that of the identified dead from
the Asch fire 115 are women and 20 men,
leaving eight unidentified bodies. The
working force of the Triangle Waist Company was 518, and on the day of the fire
415 were in the factory. The average
age of employees was 19 years. Seven
survivors are still in hospitals, five women
and two men. Of the unidentified dead
seven are men and one woman. Besides
this these is a collection of fragments of
bodies.

Borough President McAneny submitted
to the Board of Aldermen yesterday
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sections affecting theatres:

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1. The limitation of authorized seating capacity, as well as the authorized number of "standers," to the capacity of the exits. The present section 109 fixes the widths The present section 109 fixes the widths of stairways and entrances arbitrarily and religious organizations and refrain from all religious practices and rites."

In a speech in behalf of the resolutions, dations in some buildings, while demanding excessive widths in others. Under the amendment the combined capacity of entrances and exits is obtained by allowing one foot of open width for each twenty persons. For a gallery accommodating 500 people, for instance, a breadth of 25 feet in entrance and exit stairs would be necessary, equally distributed on each side. The number of seats permitted, as well as the extra allowance for "standees," would be determined by this test. For "standees" at least 3 square feet per person will be required in all parts of the auditorium where they are permitted, exclusive of aisles, passageways and lobbies.

2. A requirement for the installation of regld fireproof curtains, to be made of steel concrete or of steel frames with asbestos concrete or of steel frames with asbestos and exity.

E. Fedeli of Bridgewater Conn., introduced a resolution, which was adopted, they not be a significant the church had always stood for the powerful and greedy and sgainst the weak and downtrodden.

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"With dungeon, dagger, thumbscrew had endeavored to convert the world to the end that it could rule with an iron hand. The monstrosity of feudalism, the divine right of kings chattel slavery and every other device to make the many and every other d

concrete or of steel frames with asbestos panels, strong as a bulkhead door and stiff enough to withstand the pressure of any gases that may be created by fire on the This is a result of the lesson of the Iroquois Theatre disaster in Chicago, since which time no other type of curtain has been permitted in that city.

the construction and operation of ventil-

ators over the stage.

4. Requirements with regard to the installation of automatic sprinklers and hose quipment, bringing these into line with the nost modern equipment of either sort. Previsions bringing motion picture ows seating over 300 people under the same

6. Detailed provisions for the protection

of roof gardens and other entrances and The prohibition of the use of wood

in any part of the auditorium of fireproof buildings, the permission accorded by the old code to use wood sleepers and wood floors being stricken out.

to be placed in open courts at the sides of buildings and designed to encourage the

construction of what is known as the "fire tower" type of fire escapes. A premium of stones and other missiles was sent after of stones and other missiles was sent after to fix type of seating and standing capacity where they are used.

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men were made a committee to consider plans for the future prevention of such fires as that in the Asch Building: Mr. Cutting, Homer Folks, Franklin B. Kirkbride, Leopold Plaut and John A. Kingsbury. Inimediately after the meeting, which was held in the United Charities Building, this committee met with the which was held in the United Charities Building, this committee met with the committee appointed at the Metropolities appointed at the Metropolities and Opera House mass meeting and merged into a committee of eleven, with Dr. Edward T. Devine as chairman and The Merce and Solomon Gardmen, the alleged proprietors, were held by United States Commissioner Shields in \$2,000 ball each for the solution of the state of the solution o Dr. Edward T. Devine as chairman and Mr. Kingsbury as secretary. The new committee of eleven appointed a subcommittee to submit on April 10 a plan for 'he organization of a permanent committee on the prevention of fires. Mr. Kingsbury submitted a tentative plan of campaign to the committee which will, he thinks, involve the expense of \$15,000. Mr. Cutting has agreed to guarantee the expense of the organization up to \$10,000. In his plan Mr. Kingsbury spoke of

Mr. Cutting has agreed to guarantee the expense of the organization up to \$10,000. In his plan Mr. Kingsbury spoke of fire as a disease of buildings which should be fought along the same lines as tuberculosis, for example. He said that the work of such a committee as that formed yesterday should consist of investigation to ascertain the standards of fire prevention and the extent of the problem. Such investigation, he thinks, would require little original research, but would necessitate bringing into a central office information from all quarters as to the extent of fire risks and the nature of problems involved and the standards of fire prevention in other countries.

Mr. Cutting has agreed to guarantee the expense of the organization up to \$10,000. In the sea space of 1.183 miles between Morro Castle and the Scotland lightship in 2 days I hours and 31 minutes in lightship in 2 days I hours and 31 minutes in lightship in 2 days I hours and 31 minutes in lightship in 2 days I hours and 31 minutes in lightship in 2 days I hours and 31 minutes in lightship in 2 days I hours and 31 minutes in lightship in 2 days I hours and 31 minutes in lightship in 2 days I hours and 31 minutes in lightship in 2 days I hours and 31 minutes II have an average of 12); knots. Among the Saratoga's passengers were Col. Michael Days and George M. Bradt of the Havana Post.

Suit to Forfelt Roberta Menges's Sables.

The Government brought a condemnation suit yesterday in the United States District Court to forfeit the \$6,000 Russian gabre coat which Mrs. Roberta Menges Corwin Hill smuggled in last winter. Mrs. Hill pleaded gailty and was sentenced the suite of \$5,000 and serve three days

BUILDING DEPARTMENT LACKS
POWER TO PREVENT FIRES.

Structure Planned for One Use May Be Converted to a Factory and His Hamb Are Tied—Says Asch Building Would Not Be Approved To-day.

Ludolph P. Miller, Superintendent of Buildings, testified before Fire Marshal Beers yesterday at the reopened hearing into the causes of the fire in the Asch Building. Mr. Miller advocated certain changes in the building code and said that under present conditions the Building Department is unable to prevent such a catatrophe.

"It is not within the province of the department," said he, "to inspect or Saysheapth streat to Research with the subject. Finally he suggests an exhaustive study of the relation of administrative fire control to the whole question of fire insurance, taking as a sample of this the German invalidity insurance system so devised that the imperial funds become active agents of prevention.

After a joint conference late yester-day afternoon between the committees of the Ladies Waist and Dress Makers' Union and the Women's Trade Union, League which have arranged for the memorial parade to-day, it was announced that some changes had been made in the routes and the time. As the members of the Cloak makers' Union who are to take part in the parade desired to work half a day it was decided to postpone the starting of the downtown parade to 1:30 P. M.

The lines of march of both parades as revised yesterday are:

Uptown parade—Down Fourth avenue to Seventeenth streat to Research to Union.

Uptown parade Down Fourth avenue to Seventeenth street, to Broadway, to University place, to Washington square, where it will join the downtown parade, the joint parade to march north on Fifth avenue, to Thirty-third street, to Madison avenue, to Madison square. Downtown parade— Rutgers square to East Broadway, to Clinton street, to Broome street, to McDougal

street, to Washington square

THE WINTER GARDEN BENEFIT. Notable List of Actors Who Will Appear

The programme for the benefit for the Friday afternoon will include these

Lew Fields in the barber shop scene and Blossom Seeley, Vernon Castle and Gertrude Quinlan in specialties from "The Hen-Pecks:" Barney Bernard, Kitty Gordon, Stella Mayhew, Al Jolson, Mile. Dazie and Miss Washburn in the due! scene, and others from the Winter Garden company; acts from "The Balkan Princess" company at the Casino Theatre, with Robert Warwick, Vida Whitmore and Louise Gunning: De Wolf Hopper and Miss Marie Dressler; Georgia Caine and Edgar Atchison-Ely in the "Striped Zebra" dance from "Madame Trouba-Zebra" dance from and Elsa Ryan in dour"; Charles Brown and Elsa Ryan in maltz number from "Mardour"; Charles Brown and Elsa Ryan in the humorous waltz number from "Marriage a la Carte." entitled "Captain Dinklepop." John Mason and his company in one act of "As a Man Thinks," from the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre; Thomas Wise and Douglas Fairbanks reunited as stars; a number of acts from the circus of the Hippodrome; Miss Nella Bergen. prima donna; Miss Edith Wynne Matthison and Jacob Wendell from the New Theatre; "Noah's Ark." the earliest English farce comedy, also by the members of the New Theatre company; the first act of "The Gamblers." and an act from "Everywoman."

CHURCHES DENOUNCED.

Italian Socialists Pledge Themselves to Avoid Religion and the Army.

UTICA, N. Y. April 4 .- Churches of all denominations were placed under the ban of the Italian Socialists Federation of the United States at the closing session of its national congress to-night. Resolutions were passed charging all churches with being against the "emancipation of the working class and for the protection and perpetuation of capitalism and moral and conomic slavery.

Under these resolutions all members of the federation must "sever their affiliation with any and all existing churches every denomination. He said that the Church had always

duced a resolution, which was adopted, declaring that as the workers have no country or interests to defend they should refuse to enlist in the American army and should resist all efforts to force them to be taken back to Italy to do mili-tary duty. He declared that there should be no wars, and if the so-called Christian nations were real Christians, instead of hypocrites, they would work for the brotherhood of man and not slaughter each other on the field of battle for "the vanity and greed of kings and money

A resolution was adopted calling for a "closer relationship between the labor organizations of all nations."

BOY WHO STONED AUTO LAID UP. Hit a Woman and the Chauffeur Gave Him

a Hard Cuffing. Eleven-year-old Samuel Reich of 136 throwing stones at passing automobiles A car containing three women with their chauffeur came along and a shower

ing Jewish holidays was raided yesterday by Edgar L. Moore, a deputy collector

of internal revenue, and Henry Fisher prietors, were held by United States Commissioner Shields in \$2,000 hall each for examination next Tuesday. Twenty-four gallons of whiskey were found in the premises and the accused were carrying

2 Days 12 hours 31 Minutes From Havana.

The Ward liner Saratoga, in vesterday.

vention in other countries.

Mr. Kingsbury further suggests an immediate educational campaign with leafets telling folks how to prevent fires in the Tombs.

CUP PONIES AT LAKEWOOD

ARRIVE IN RAIN AT RESORT AMONG THE PINES.

Customs Appraisers Hold Back Extra Blankets and All Baggage-Prompt Ald From American Professionals-English Oats and Box Stalls Ready.

A walk on muddy roads in a teeming rain brought the ponies of the British inter-national polo team into Lakewood yesterday evening, twelve days out from La The Adams Express Company brought the bunch to Farmingdale, over five miles by men at Lakewood said that the express could have been switched from the Pena-sylvania to the Central Railroad of New Jersey tracks at Farmingdale for \$25 or \$50, and they are wondering that this ar-rangement had not been made when the

dunnage to a pony. Extra blankets, saddles, bridles, polo mallets, the stable boy's clothes and all the travelling impedimenta the English horsemen call "tuck" had been kept on the Atlantic Transport dock by the live stock inspector of the United States Appraiser's office. The "tuck" will be taken to a bonded warehouse, it was said, to be inventoried and valued. A copy of the goods to the manager of the British ponies and if even a strap is missing on reshipment the customs duty must be paid

The ponies were off the Minnetonka early and after having been verified to be as described in the sworn statement of Dr. Nolan on Monday they were transferred to two horse cars on a lighter and towed to the Pennsylvania Railroad pier. The ponies left Farmingdale at 5:15 o'clock in the afternoon, arriving there about 2:30

Dr. J. W. Nolan, the veterinarian of the

British polo team, went to Lakewood on the afternoon train and put up at the Laurel in the Pines. Word of the marooning of the "tuck" had reached Lakewood. Dr. in the Pines. Word of the marooning of the "tuck" had reached Lakewood. Dr. Nolan's first telephone call in the village was from William Carr, manager of the New Haven ponies of J. B. Thomas and L. E. Stoddard. He offered extra blankets for the ponies and also any trappings that might be needed, but Dr. Nolan thought he could get along without aid.

Meantime Lawrence Fitzpatrick, H. P. Whitney's polo manager, had gone to Farmingdaie in an automobile. He returned to the Lakewood Hotel stables with the foreman of the British pony outfit.

The sight to please the foreman most was twenty-eight big sacks of English oat's shipped in advance for the ponies. There were other sacks at the station and the ponies will have their native provender while in this country. There were forty new box stalls awaiting, bedded down with clean straw, and apile of hay was in a corner of each stall, ready for supper. There was also a grain box of Iron in each stall. There were no floor drains for the central line of stalls, but the stable accommodations seemed comfortable in a rough and ready way.

Fitzpatrick arranged that dinner should be ready for the Britishers at Fleischmann's Hotel and that they should have beds there for the night. Later they will live in the stable rooms and have their own cook.

Dr. Nolan, while out of the game through an accident last year, is a polo player of note in Ireland, playing No. 3 on the Kings county team, with Capt. J. Hondress Lloyd as back. Until the arrival of the British players the ponies will be only walked on the Lakewood roads and speedway. They are all in good condition, the weight they have being due to hard flesh, and there is no superfluous fat to be worked off. None of them has been played in India, those in the game there being mostly of native stock and not usually over 14 hands, but each of the British ponies is a "made" one and has been played on English grounds.

There are twenty-three mares and twelve gedinns, eighteen of which have had a special winter training at H. Gairdner's Nolan's first telephone call in the village

season and especially so early in the poloyear.

Ponies are still coming to Lakewood. Six belonging to Philip Randolph, Jr. and as many more for Mr. Chase came in by freight from Alken, S. C., yesterday and fit as a fiddle from play at that resort.

Walter H. Dupree of the Coronado Country Club, Southern California, has offered the use of his ponies to the Polo Association committee. With other loans of Californian ponies they will probably be seen soon in the practice games at Lakewood and later on Long Island.

Dupree played No. 1 in the Coronado games during February and March. He had a string of lifteen ponies there, nearly all of them thoroughbrods, that Harry H. Holmes, who went from the East to act as referee, says are the best looking lot he has ever seen.

HARVARD FOOTBALL WORK. squad Split Into Three Elevens by Coach Haughton.

CAMBRIDGE, April 4.-Coach Haughton players working in earnest. For a week about forty candidates have been getting into trim, but this afternoon the squad was split into three elevens and worked out on signals. The varsity men were not confined to one team, but an attempt has been made to get three teams of fairly even strength. These will work together this strength. Wallabout street, Williamsburg, with week, and there possibly will be a lineup by other boys, amused himself yesterday at Bedford avenue and Wallabout street by scrimmage and considerable work will be done on formations and working out plays under the slightly changed playing

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boy a cuffing and the boy fell, lanting boy a cuffing and the boys helped him home. He was in such bad shape that an ambulance was called from the Williamsburg Hospital and the doctor took him to the hospital.

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COLUMBIA'S BALL SQU AD. Coach Fultz Reduces Playing List to Twenty-six.

Dave Fultz, coach of the Columbia base ball squad, made another cut yesterday afternoon and reduced the number of candidates who still have a chance of making the varsity nine to twenty-six. The list of those retained includes six men who won the varsity "C" for baseball last year, all of whom will probably make the team

The men still on the squad, with the positions for which they are trying, are Murray Lee. '11; I. W. Church, '11; H. L. Fickett, '14; A. Rothwell, '13; W. C. Hill, '11; J. S. O'Neale, '14, and A. Ulrich, '13, pitchers; G. S. Shibley, '13; J. P. Maloy, '13, and W. B. Milkman, '11, catchers. T. Kieldl, '13, first base: T. C. J. Mephennick, '12; S. Thursby, '14, and A. Haaren, '14, second base: T. Sanders, '12, and W. R. Root, '12, shortstop, '14, and A. Haaren, '14, second base: T. Sanders, '12, and W. R. Root, '12, shortstop, '14, and A. Haaren, '14, second base: T. Sanders, '12, and W. R. Root, '13, and H. C. Staubitz, '13, third base: E. H. Osterhout, '12; W. H. Hastings, '11; R. A. Fairbairn, '12; H. S. Hertzog, '12; R. Jones, '11, and D. M. Moore, '13, outfielders. Practice was held in the cage yesterday afternoon on account of the rain, which prevented the use of South Field. Most of the time was devoted to batting practice, as the team has not been hitting well in the three games which have been played. The men still on the squad, with the posi

hitting well in the three games which have been played.

St. John's College of Brooklyn will meet Columbia on South Field this afternoon and a hard and close game is expected, as the St. John's team forced the Blue and White players to extend themselves in the game played a year ago. The Columbia lineup will probably be the same as in the last three games, with the exception of Capt. Osterhout and Sanders, who are both out on account of injuries. Osterhout turned his ankle on Monday afternoon in practice and Sanders was burt in the Rutgers game on Saturday. Church or Rothwell will probably be in the box this afternoon.

NO GAME FOR GIANTS. Wet Grounds at Norfolk Send the Players

NORFOLE, April 4.—The Glants were to have played the Norfolk team to-day, but the game was called off on account of wet me game was called off on account of wet grounds. It did not rain to-day, but last of since and the team left for Richmond at 5 o'clock.

Many tracks. It is under that the bookmakers will pay a dail of since and for the privilege of doing ness.

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Many turf followers who are here for the Jamestown races were disappointed when the game was declared off. They had in-

Jamestown races were disappointed when the game was declared off. They had intended to go out and get a line on the Giants, as the race tweet does not open until tomorrow. The horsemen have crowded the hotels so that the Giants were unable to get rooms, and that is why they moved on to Richmond instead of spending the night here. Games are scheduled in Richmond to-morrow and Thursday.

McGraw hopes to get some real practice in Richmond, being encouraged by the improvement of weather conditions to-day. It was twenty degrees warmer here to-day than in Greensboro yesterday and possibly the disagreeable weather will be followed by conditions suitable to baseball.

Otis Crandall's coit team will arrive in Richmond to-night, after jumping straight through from Dallas. The New York party going into Baltimore will number about fifty. Secretary Gray arrived here this morning from New York to take charge of the official bank roll, which has been considerably depleted by a profitless exhibition trip.

REST FOR HIGHLANDERS. Team in Shape and Hopes to Play This Week's Games.

CINCINNATI. April 4.-The Highlanders and earnestly hope that they will be able to play the remaining four games on the spring schedule. If they do they will in the opinion of Charley Hemphill be in form to make things hum when the gong sounds for the long pennant mill.

In spite of not having very good weather for practice the exhibition games played by the Highlanders found them in first class fighting trim when they reached here and they think they can stay so if they can get in their games in Indianapolis, Wilkesbarre and Scranton. If they have more idleness they are apt to slow up, but other big league teams are in the same boat.

The clan is beginning to scatter prior to reassembling in Philadelphia on April 12. Jack Quinn has gone home and Cree and Elliott will go home from Indianapolis. the opinion of Charley Hemphill be in form

place in Birr, Ireland, Dr. Nolan's home town.

There were enough players at Lakewood for a game, L. E. Stoddard and J. A. Rawlins going down on the special train, but the rain stopped action. There is, weather permitting, to be a game to-morrow and Foxhall P. Keene is expected to play against Meadow Brook, as Joshua Crane has left for the court tennis championship at Boston This makes an opening on the Green lineup. The new formation may be: No. 1, L. E. Stoddard: No. 2, Malcolm Stevenson; No. 3, Keene, and back, R. L. Agassiz.

Keene has four ponies at Lakewood and he is expected to give the first airing in the game to three of the New Haven string not yet galloped. They are the brown thoroughbred Semicolon, by Ogden, and a half brother of Sir Martin, and the Virginia bay mares Barabelle and Rivulet, both by imported Watercress. Semicolon was raced by P. S. P. Randolph as a two-year-old, is sound and flawless now and of the handy sort. Being only a four-year-old Semicolon will not be played hard this season and especially so early in the polo year.

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VANDERBILT AND GOULD

Win Three First and One Second Prize at French Races.

Special Cable Despatch to TRE SUN.

Paris, April 4.—W. K. Vanderbilt's Prestissimo, ridden by O'Neill, won the race for the Prix d'Orgeval of 3,000 francs at Maisons Laflitte to-day. Muller's Lemon Squash, with Reiff in the saddle, ran second and Lienart's Procles, with Stern up, finished third. Seven horses ran.

Frank Jay Gould's Clemtigny, with Reiff up, won the race for the Prix Palmiste of 2,000 francs. Fould's Forio, with O'Neill up, was second, and Guymot's Coypel, with Childs in the saddle, finished third. Twelve horses ran.

The race for the Prix de Fougerette of Childs in the saddle, finished third. I welve horses ran.

The race for the Prix de Fougerette of 5,000 francs was won by Mr. Vanderbilt's Mirliffor, with O'Neill up. Nash Turner's Tambour, ridden by the owner, was second and Van Neck's Bobo, with Sharpe in the saddle, finished third. Seven horses ran.

Frank Jay Gould's Combourg ran second for the Prix Lagrange of 40,000 francs. The race was won by Rothschild's Faucheur, with Aumont's Ombrelle third. The jockeys were Barat, Reiff and Sumter. Ten horses ran.

UMPIRES HAVE CLEAR OPTICS. Result of the Test of President Lynch's Active Staff.

Following the policy adopted at the winter meeting of the magnates, President Thomas J. Lynch of the National League has subjected his umpires to an eye test, so that indignant fans cannot justly accuse them of blunders during the coming season. In order to provide conclusive evidence that the umpires' optics are free from cobwebe President Lynch made public the following official statement yesterday:

men of my umpire staff to have their eyesight thoroughly tested, and I feel more than gratified with the outcome. Good eyes alone, I know, do not make good umpires; but they are a good umpire's first and best asset.

"I have not taken it upon myself to pass judgment on these certificates of eye tests with their technical terms, but have sub-mitted them to Dr. Royal S. Copeland, one of the most eminent oculists of New York city. Dr. Copeland has carefully studied the various tests and has summed them up in the following authoritative and interesting

Doctors differ about many things, but they are all agreed on the methods of de ermining the seeing power of the human eve. Test cards are uniformly constructed and everywhere employed in one way.

and everywhere employed in one way. In-struments of precision make it possible to examine the vital parts of the visual ap-paratus, and the system of recording the cesults of eye examinations is universally emoloyed.

"The oculists examining the umpires of the National League are widely sepa-rated geographically, but their reports are written in a language intelligible to every specialist in eye diseases. These reports indicate normal vision in every case and in several instances vision far above the average.

Rain Yesterday Stepped All Work on the Diamond.

Asheville. N. C. April 4—Instead of the perfect weather of yesterday there was a heavy downpour of rain to-day which lasted all day. This was a bitter disappointment to many of Asheville's citizens, who wanted another look at the Brooklyn ball team. The rain not only prevented the players from indulging in another battle between themselves, but kept them from sightseeing this morning.

Late last night Outfielder Davidson received a despatch from his wife in Lincoln. Neb. calling him home on account of her illness. Mrs. Davidson left the team in Hot Springs, Ark., with the understanding that she would have to undergo a slight operation, but not of a serious nature. Davidson left at 2.45 this morning for Lincoln.

Manager Dablen. Treasurer Medecus and twelve players left carly this evening for Danville. Va. where they play to-morrow in the party besides those mentioned were players will leave to-morrow morning, joining the first party late Wednesday afternoon. Manager Dahnen left word at the general hospital. Knoxville, that should be novified immediately.

SPORTING GOSSIP

EASTERN RACING SEASON IS CUT LOOSE TO-DAY.

Jamestown Begins Under Hazardous Con-ditions—Bookmakers to Operatein 'a New Way Uniosa Governor Interferes 4kid Challenge From Young Pierce.

The Eastern racing season under the juris-

diction of the Jockey Club will begin to-day at Jamestown, Va., where Promoter Robert Levy, a young hustler, has arranged a meeting that will extend to April 26. The racing interests will watch the proceedings with unusual eagerness, as the meeting begins under rather hazardous conditions. pared to do business under new conditions. According to a court decision they will not violate the Virginia law if they display odds written tickets in return. It is understood
that they will conduct business in accordance with what is known as "the badge
number system" and will record wagers in
pocket notebooks. Gov. Mann of Virginia
says he is opposed to any form of betting,
which he terms gambling, and will see that the State laws are rigidly enforced, even if he is compelled to visit the track in person. that no reports of the races will be sent to the afternoon newspapers. From this the conclusion is drawn that the young promoter is going to make a fight against the poolrooms, which are anxious to secure the desired information. Among the bookmakers who will take places in the ring are Tom Shaw, Izzy Ham, Rod McMahon, E. J. Callahan, Peter McGrath, William Beverly, Johnny Lewis, Jack Sturgis, George North and Joe Rose, well known on the New York tracks. It is understood that the bookmakers will pay a daily fee

ness.

About 1,500 regulars have arrived from Jacksonville, and among the horses stabled at the track are those belonging to August Belmont, James Rowe, P. S. P. Randolph, James McLaughlin, Jr., the Beverwyck Stable, James E. Gaffney, Frank D. Weir, Albert Simons, Sam Lewis, W. A. Burtschell,

Albert Simons, Sam Lewis, W. A. Burtschell, R. T. Wilson, F. J. Pons and John W. Schorr. The lockeys include Eddie Dugan and Guy Burns. The purses are comparatively small, but horsemen appear to be willing to race nowadays for almost nothing. Mars Cassidy will handle the starting barrier and Edward Cole will place the horses at the finish.

At the conclusion of the meeting, if it runs to the end of the schedule, Pimlico will open for a sixteen days session, windwill open for a sixteen days session, wind-ing up on May 17. Bookmakers who in-tend to put up prices at the Maryland track have received a notice that each must post \$300 in advance to cover betting privileges in the ring for the first three days. As thirty layers will probably accept, the track managers will have nearly \$10,000 in ready cash before they open the gates. Among those who have made entries for the stakes are August Belmont, R. F. Car man, E. B. Cassatt, Thomas Clyde, R. T. Wilson, Samuel Ross, Oneck Stable, F. R. Hitchcock, William Garth, H. C. Brown, J. G. Oxnard, W. T. Townes, Mrs. James McLaughlin, J. E. Davis and W. F. Pres-

Young Pierce of Philadelphia, who is under Tom O'Rourke's management, is out with a novel proposition to Johnny Coulon, Frankie Burns and Young Wagner the leading bantams in this country. Pierce offers to box five rounds with each of them offers to box five rounds with each of them
the same evening, with four round contests between the bouts, and agrees to turn
over his share of the spoils to the fire sufferers if he is outpointed by one of them.
Pierce is a mulatto who has had plenty
of experience. He went to England two
years ago and boxed Digger Stanley twice,
getting a draw and a decision. He also
defeated Jimmy Waish on points in Boston
some time ago. He is ready to meet anybody from 115 to 122 pounds ringside, but
prefers Coulon, Burns and Wagner. Pierce
says there is so much discussion over the
bantam championship that the elimination
contest he proposes will give a pretty fair
line on the rightful claimant of the title.

In view of the fact that Eugene Corri
of London refereed the Langford-McVey
twenty round draw in Paris Saturday
night, sporting men who believe there was
something wrong said yesterday that the
pugliists must have had an understanding,
unknown to the referee or Promoter McIntosh. Al Lippe, who is managing Harry
Lewis on the other side, in a letter written
to a friend here before Langford and McVey
came together said that in his opinion
McVey had received a strong inducement
It has been learned this week that P. T. came together said that in his opinion McVey had received a strong inducement to enter the ring. "If they fight a draw and then make another match," said Lippe, "you can be sure that there has been a secret agreement." Langford and McVey are rematched, and the opinion prevails here that Langford pulled just enough to warrant the decision of a draw handed down by Referee Corri, a man who has never been mixed up in shady transactions in puglism.

Ad Wolgast and George Memsic, who fought at Vernon, Cal., on March 17 and were arrested, have been held in \$1,000 each for trial, while Promoter Tom McCarey will be taken before a higher court on habeas corpus proceedings for the purpose of having the law against glove fights in California fully tested. McCarey's attorneys are confident that they can win the case, in which event boxing on the Coast will be revived on a big scale. The present controversy involves the drawing of a line by the courts between prize fighting and boxing, with expert witnesses ready to testify that a prize fight is a contest to a finish with bare knuckles.

Before leaving California for this city Monday Wolgast announced that negotiations for a match with Packy McFarland had fallen through because the Chicago boxer had refused to make 135 pounds ringside for a twenty round bout. Wolgast refused to discuss the fact that he was ready to let McFarland weigh 135 at 7 o'clock for the bout last February that was called off by Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. The lightweight champion said that he would be on hand to see Packy box ten rounds with Harlem Tommy Murphy at the Fairmont A.C. on April 17 and then might have something to say about a match with the stock yards champion.

Freddie Welsh, the former English lightweight champion, has resumed hard training for the bout with Pal Moore to be decided at the National Sporting Club a week from to-night. Welsh is rather anxious to know whether McFarland will agree to box him here or not. The Briton says he is ready to make a match calling for 133 pounds at 2 o'clock and will agree to any reasonable terms in the way of financial inducements. But so far McFarland has paid no attention to the proposition except to insist upon 135 pounds at 3 o'clock. As Welsh and McFarland are generally conceded to be the best lightweight boxers in the world there is a universal demand for a match. If they can agree upon the weight question they can practically name their own terms, for the bout would draw more money, it is thought, than any contest that has been held in a local club for years. Welsh naturally prefers the National Sporting Club, while McFarland leans toward the Fairmont A. C. but as both have an eye to business it is believed that prejudice will not stand in the way of a match.

Coulon and Frankie Conley may take part in a forty-five round battle in Cali-fornia to settle the alleged bantam cham-pionship, that is, if the authorities do not interfere. Coulon seems to be in search of easy marks, as Conley isn't much at the bantam limit.

Bearcat Brooks, the English feather-weight, will concede at least ten pounds to Australian Charley Griffin at the National Sporting Club to-morrow night. Brooks was sent over here to "whip" Abe Attell, but they probably don't realize on the other side how hard it is to take the measure of the American featherweight champion.

In the hour of defeat Clark Griffith, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, displayed commendable sportsmanship when he made this comment on Monday: "Chase is playing 100 per cent, better ball right now than at any other time in his career. I regard him the greatest ball player the world has ever known, lie has a magnificent team in the Highlanders and the strongest staff of pitchers New York ever had. The Hillmen look like a good bet to me."

Rain Stops Ball Games.

PHILADRIPHIA, April 4. The Amherst-University of Pennsylvania and the Phila-delphia-Athletics baseball games were called of to-day because of rain. THE development in America of the publishing business. from early times down to the present, the growth and character of American literature. both fiction and more serious works, will be treated in an historical sketch in THE SUN. SATURDAY, APRIL 8. The subject will be covered in its picturesque rather than in its statistical phases.

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VALE ATHLETICS.

trenuous Efforts Made to Bring Out New Track Material.

New Haven, April 4.—Capt. Reed Kil-patrick of the Yale track team is making the most strenuous effort to bring out new material that has been put forth at New Haven in many a day. Kilpatrick realizes hat there will have to be a great rise in the quality of the team between now and next May if Harvard and Princeton are to be defeated. The Yale team is exceedingly strong in number of events, but it has absolutely nothing to show in a large num shot put and high jump the Blue is better off than any other college, but in the 220, quarter, haif, mile and two mile there is pretty nearly a complete vacuum as far

as first rate performers are concerned.

There are a few men of promise available in this list of events, but almost no one who on past performances can be counted on for a sure first or second. In order to get out entirely new men Kilpatrick has an nounced a scheme for holding a new se of games as a preliminary to the spring meet. These will be closed to men who have won Ys. It is going to be a difficult problem for Johnny Mack to put together even one good relay team to send to the Pennsylvania relay carnival. He has been working steadily with a mass of new ma-terial all winter, however, and hopes that ome of the unknowns will show some form

HARVARD-YALE BOAT RACES. Friday, June 30, Selected for Events at

New London. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 4.—After long months of discussion the Harvard and Yale rowing advisers have agreed that the annual boat races for varsity eights, fresh-men eights and varsity fours shall be rowed at New London on Friday, June 30. Yale until to-day stood out fast for an earlied date and one that would be close to its own commencement day, June 21, but Harvard would not agree to this, as the Cambridge oarsmen have to take college examinations at their quarters at Red Top

Some time ago Yale asked that the race be rowed on Saturday, July 1, but later this request was withdrawn. Then began many discussions of the date, Harvard insisting on no earlier time than June 29 or 30 and Yale holding out for June 22 or 24. matters stood until a few days ago, the Harvard management sent word to New Haven that Harvard could row at no other time than June 29 or 30. This was to all effects an ultimatum if the race was to be rowed at all. Of the two dates Vale chose June 30, which is a day later in the week than the race usually has beer 29, owing to plans for the many commence ment celebrations of the graduates.

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The choice of the date means that the university race will have to be rowed down scream and that the start will have to be made about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Harvard and Yale also are having a discussion of the basebail dates. There is a series of three games, and the first will be played at New Haven on June 20. The baseball managers agreed to play the second game at Cambridge on June 23, but as this falls on Harvard class day the senior officers are trying hard to have the teams play some other day. Having acquiesced to Harvard in the matter of crew date, however, it seems unlikely that Yale will be inclined to make any change in the baseball schedule already agreed on.

DUNRAM, N. C., April 4.—The ball team of Davidson College defeated Wake Forest to-day by 5 to 2. The score:

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BROOKS BY A SMALL MARGIN.

English Featherweight Wins, but Does Not Show Much Class. Brooks, the English featherweight. n West Twenty-third street last night

ten round bout and had a slight advantage The bout was fast from start to finish with plenty of action in every round. Brooks is considered one of the best English feather he failed to show much form last night. Brooks used very little ring science, but was willing to take some punishment at times. He took it last night when the Jersey boy near the finish put in some hard jolts to the jaw and body. In the early part of the contest Brooks landed some

hard wallops on Shugiru's head and mouth Several times the Englishman left himsel open but Shugrue falled to follow up his At the finish many of the spectators were of the opinion that Shugrue won by a small margin, but the majority thought that the English boy won on account of delivering the better blows in the early part of the

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